

Notice of Allowability

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Examiner

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment filed on 07-02-04.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-5.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 05 March 2002 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
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7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

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1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
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7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


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Reason for allowance

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the combination of Evans et al. (US Pat. 6,497,656) in view of Holtzman et al. (US Pat. 6,404,760) and Ozluturk et al. (US Pat. 6,377,620) shows a communication device for communicating with a plurality of communication terminals in a multiple-access communication system comprising: correlation calculation means for calculating a correlation between a received signal and local pulses at possible positions in the respective signals transmitted from each of the plurality of communication terminals; interference canceling means for removing a multiple-access interference among the plurality of signals transmitted from the plurality of communication terminals from the calculated correlation; and demodulation means for demodulating data transmitted from each of the plurality of communication terminals based on an output from the interference canceling means. However, this combination of references fails to teach or fairly suggest a modulation means that modulates data by detecting sub-optimum and optimum symbol sequences and that the modulation means also includes inverse correlation calculator means for making a conversion for the calculated correlation; and detection means for detecting sub-optimum symbol and sub-optimum sequence based on the output of the inverse correlation calculator means as called for in claim 1. Therefore, claims 1-5 are presently allowed.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hiep Nguyen whose telephone number is (571) 272-1752. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday from 7:30am to 4:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Timothy Callahan can be reached on (571) 272-1740. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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